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REPORT CUBANS EXECUTE LIONS CLUB OFFICIAL

Two Others Die with Him as Spies

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HAVANA, Cuba, June 2 [Reuters] — An official of the Havana Lions club and two other alleged members of an espionage ring in Camaguey, Central Cuba, charged with providing military, political, and economic information to the United States central intelligence agency were condemned to death and executed yesterday, it was announced today.

An official report republished in all three Havana newspapers said the alleged agents had operated in Camaguey province receiving instructions from the United States and passing

Alberto Fernandez Medrano

on messages containing military, political and economic information to the CIA.

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Victims Identified

The three were identified as Alberto Cesareo Fernandez Medrano, Manuel Paradela Gomez, and Marcelino Martinez Tapia.

Medrano was described as the principal agent of the ring, which was said to have operated at a national level and to have contained an agent in every province, all of whom were members of Lions International -- a business men's service organization.

Brought from Miami

Medrano was international counselor and adviser of the Lions' public relations committee, the report said, and was recruited by the CIA in Miami in 1961.

He returned to Cuba in 1962 and traveled around the island, ostensibly working for Lions International but in fact collecting military, economic, and political information, and contacting other CIA agents, the Cuban prosecution charged.

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In Chicago, officials of Lions International said they had received no notice of the execution of Fernandez Medrano and, in fact, have had no contact with Lions club in Havana since the middle of April. The officials said they had no comment on the execution.

In Washington, the CIA declined to comment.

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